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DEBIT CARDS TO ACCOUNT HOLDERS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Postal Department is planning to issue debit cards for the benefit of their account holders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which these cards are likely to be issued;

(d) whether any special benefits are likely to be provided to exclusive groups like senior citizens, women, BPL card holders, etc.; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) to (c) The Department of Posts plans to introduce Anytime Anywhere banking for its account holders. It is in a conceptual stage only and details are yet to be worked out. It may take about a year`s time to firm up the details.

(d) & (e) Issuance of the debit card will be on the basis of the provisions relating to the savings accounts and as such no such special benefit to any user group may be envisaged at this stage.